

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 16th August 2015

Silent Key – Sean EI9GU

The death has occurred of Sean Brennan EI9GU of Firies Village Killarney County Kerry. Sean, originally from County Wexford was buried in Rathgarogue Cemetery near New Ross, County Wexford on 13th August.

May he rest in peace.

IRTS Contests

We have two IRTS contests coming up over the next few weeks: the Two Metres Counties Contest is on Sunday 30th August, while SSB Field Day takes place over the following weekend, Saturday and Sunday 5th & 6th September.

The Two Metres Counties Contest is always a popular event, with plenty of activity from fixed and portable locations; the contest provides a good opportunity to activate or work summits for the Summits On The Air programme.

As previously announced, there is a new Restricted / 6 hour section in SSB Field Day, which we hope will attract individuals or groups who may not be interested in an overnight operation. Note that pre-registration is required for the 24 Hour Open and Restricted sections, but not for the new 6 hour section. Look at www.irts.ie/contests for the full rules.

September Edition of IRTS Echo Ireland

Calling all clubs and club secretaries and members to submit articles and items for publication to the Editor post haste. Items for sale must be clearly priced. Please submit material to newsteam /at/ irts.ie clearly marking it for Echo Ireland.

North Cork Radio Group

The North Cork Radio Group are pleased to announce their annual Radio, Electronics & Hobby Rally will be held this year on Sunday 13th September 2015 at The Commons Inn, Blackpool, Cork.

As per usual, doors will open at 11am and entry is €5 per person, children under 16 are free. Raffle tickets will be available at the door.

For anyone wishing to secure a table, or stall, please contact Lisa EI9GSB on 086 8427756 or ei9gsb /at/ me.com to ensure early confirmation. For anyone interested in taking the morse test, or to have QSLs checked, please advise us as soon as possible. Dave EI4BZ will be available on the day to conduct morse tests.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

MREN Activation of Blacksod Lighthouse 2015.

Members of The Mayo Radio Experimenters Network will activate the Blacksod Lighthouse, Blacksod on Saturday and Sunday 15th/16th August 2015 as part of the 18th International Lighthouse & Lightship weekend.

The callsign will be EI0M on this occasion and the international designator for Blacksod Lighthouse is IE0008, the locator is IO44XC and WAI/WAM – F65. For more info on the International Lighthouse & Lightship weekend please see: www.illw.net/ and our own account of past activation's check out our website: ei7mre.org

Shannon Basin Radio Club

The Shannon Basin Radio Club will, again this year, make the beautiful Garbally College Grounds Ballinasloe available and would like to invite Clubs and individuals to take part in the SSB Field day Contest 2015 on the 5th & 6th Sept.

Clubs and or individuals who wish to attend and require further details are asked to contact the following, Pat EI9HX pat /at/ donros.ie 087-6767707, Anthony EI6GGB ei6ggb /at/ gmail.com 087-9274611, Brian EI8IU brianei8iu /at/ eircom.net 086-1057325.

DX News

Rick AI5P starts another of his island trips this week. From 16th to 24th August he will sign PJ4/AI5P from Bonaire. This will be followed by activity from Curacao as PJ2/AI5P from 24th to 31st August. Finally he will operate from Aruba (P4) from 31st August to 8th September. (Callsign info not yet available). QSLs go via his home call.

Pedro ON7WP will again be QRV as C5WP in the Gambia from 15th August to 1st September. This will be a spare time operation concentrating on the WARC bands and 6m.

Jim W2JHP will operate as V31TA from the Turneffe Atoll in Belize, Central America from 23rd August to 4th September. This island counts as NA-123 for the Islands on the Air Award.

Members of the GMDX Group plan to sign GS8VL/P from the Shiant Islands from 21st to 23rd August. The Shiant Islands are in the Hebrides off the north-west coast of Scotland. IOTA reference number is EU-112 and the QSL Manager is GM4FDM.

Orlanda PT2OP will activate the Suçuraca Lighthouse (also known as Lighthouse Urussuquara), ARLHS BRA-247 in August 27-31.

This is the first activation of this lighthouse. The callsign will be PQ1L. QSL via PT2OP.

Blackhead Lighthouse will be active on 2 Metres FM & SSB, HF & Echolink using GB5BL 15th and 16th August.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group are pleased to announce that they are looking at the possibility of running a theory course for the Harec exam. Depending on numbers interested we would hope to start the course in September/October. For any individual that's interested or if you know someone that wishes to do the course with a view to sitting the exam please get in touch with Mark EI7IS or Seany EI2HZZ

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will be QRV from Hook Head Lighthouse (the oldest intact operational lighthouse in the world) this weekend Saturday and Sunday the 15th/16th of August as part of the 18th International Lighthouse & Lightship weekend. For more info on the International Lighthouse & Lightship weekend please see www.illw.net

The August meeting of the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford on Monday night the 30th of August at 8.00 p.m. New members or anyone interested in learning more about amateur radio are very welcome to attend.

For up-to-date news about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and our activities you can check our website www.searg.com and you can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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